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Security

MEMORANDUM FOR: Honorable Adlai E. Stevenson, III
Chairman
Senate Select Committee on Ethics

ATTENTION: Mr. Don Sanders

FROM:
Acting Director of Security

SUBJECT: Security Inspection - Room S-405, U.S.
Capitol, Relevant to Storing Classified
Information Generated by Staff Members
of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics

REFERENCE: Telephonic Request of 9 Jan 78 from OLC
to Physical Security Division, same subject

1. Pursuant to the referent, a representative of the Physical Security Division, Office of Security, inspected Room S-405, U.S. Capitol, on 10 January 1978. Office of Legislative Counsel (OLC), and Mr. Don Sanders, of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics staff, were present during the inspection. Room S-405 is located in the upper level Senate wing, adjacent to the Senate Office of Classified National Security Information (SOCNSI).

2. The U.S. Capitol, though open to the public, is under the protection of armed U.S. Capitol Policemen (USCP) who monitor all entrances and perform package and pocketbook inspections. Room S-405 is located near the north end of the attic floor level corridor, and access to the corridor is via an elevator entered from the Capitol Rotunda. The only other entry point is from a remote stairway that is used primarily for emergency egress from the upper floor of the Senate side of the Capitol.

3. Room S-405 is adjacent to the stairway with the back wall being an exterior wall and the remaining side wall adjacent to another office of the Senate staff. The single door from the corridor provides the only entrance to the

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room. The entrance door to Room S-405 is in line-of-sight of the USCP manning the guard post during all non-duty hours at the entrance to the SOCNSI area.

4. As a result of the personnel access controls currently being enforced at the U.S. Capitol and the physical security feature of the SOCNSI area adjacent to Room S-405, implementation of the following recommendations will provide protection for the sensitive materials generated by the Committee staff. The Committee will continue to store classified intelligence within the strengthened room of the SOCNSI area that is accredited as a Special Compartmented Information (SCI) facility.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

a. Install a Simplex lock on the entrance door to Room S-405 for duty-hour personnel access control.

b. Store all material in Class VI containers during non-duty hours and during duty hours when Room S-405 is unoccupied.

c. Establish a daily security check system whereby a Committee staff member ensures that all material is stored in security containers, the containers are secured, and the door to Room S-405 is locked.

d. Establish key control for the entrance door to Room S-405 whereby only staff members can have after-hours access without signing a log, to be maintained by the guard situated at the entrance to the SOCNSI area.

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